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SUBJECT: PRESS COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED FOLLOWING MEETING
OF ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS

REF: KRAMISH-BENGELSDORF TELCON

DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT THE MISSION MAY SOON PARTICI-
PATE IN A CONSULTATION TO BE HELD BY A LIMITED NUMBER OF
DELEGATION ON THE SUBJECT COMMUNIQUE. SHOULD IT BE USEFUL
AND TIMELY, WE SHALL BE HAPPY TO DRAFT AND FORWARD TO
THE MISSION ASAP OUR CONCEPTION OF WHAT THE COMMUNIQUE
MIGHT LOOK LIKE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE TEXT
MIGHT BE QUIETLY PASSED TO THE SECRETARIAT, IF A SECRE-
TARIAT DRAFT DOES NOT, IN FACT, ALREADY EXIST. (ADVISE)

IN THE MEANTIME THE FOLLOWING BRIEF COMMENTS ARE OFFERED
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FOR THE MISSION'S GUIDANCE:

A. IN GENERAL AND AS REFLECTED IN OUR SEPTEMBER POSITION PAPER RE THIS SUBJECT, WE FOUND THE OUTLINE OF THE COMMUNIQUE, AS REFLECTED IN ENV/MIN/74.11, TO BE SOMEWHAT UNSATISFACTORY, IN THAT IT TENDED TO HIGHLIGHT THE ACTION PROPOSALS, TO UNDERPLAY THE DECLARATION AND TO RAISE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS SOME OF WHICH WE BELIEVE ARE TOO ABSTRACT IN CHARACTER.

B. IN CONTRAST, WE BELIEVE THAT THE COMMUNIQUE SHOULD GIVE PRIME ATTENTION TO THE DECLARATION AS WELL AS OTHER AREAS WHERE THE MINISTERS ARE ABLE TO AGREE ON COMMON POLICIES AND GOALS, AND THAT IT SHOULD CHARACTERIZE THE ACTION PROPOSALS AS CONCRETE EFFORTS THAT THE MINISTERS HAVE AGREED ON TO CARRY OUT THESE VARIOUS OBJECTIVES. MOREOVER, OVERALL, WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE COMMUNIQUE WOULD HIGHLIGHT THE VIEW THAT THERE ARE NO BASIC INCOMPATIBILITIES BETWEEN SOUND ECONOMIC GROWTH AND THE PRESERVATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES. FOR EXAMPLE, IT MIGHT INCLUDE THE THOUGHT THAT THE PURSUIT OF EFFORTS IN SUCH FIELDS AS ENERGY CONSERVATION CAN BE SUPPORTIVE TO BOTH ENERGY AS WELL AS ENVIRONMENTAL DEMANDS.

C. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER A COMPLETE DRAFT OF A TEXT REFLECTING OUR THOUGHTS WILL BE WELCOME OR WHETHER IN THE ALTERNATIVE THE SECRETARIAT NOW HAS A COMPLETE DRAFT AVAILABLE FOR OUR REVIEW.

D. AS SEPARATE MATTER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ASAP A MASTER SCHEDULE FOR THE MINISTERIAL MEETING.
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